

Indiana Department of Correction and Governor's Office Leadership Partner to Discuss Public Safety and Legislation

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Rockville, Indiana - (December 4, 2006) - On November 28-30, the Symposium of Superintendents was held at Turkey Run State Park in Marshall, Indiana. The conference was attended by facility superintendents, parole supervisors, the Department's Division Directors, Executive Staff and key members of the governor's office.

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Commissioner J. David Donahue addressed the Department's leaders with key messages for managing the Department while focusing on the 2007-08 strategic plan goals.

Keynote presentations shared by the Governor's staff included: Policy Director for Public Safety, John Von Arx and Director of Legislative Affairs, John Oskeson discussed the budget for the upcoming year. Mr. Von Arx and Oskeson also held a question and answer session to discuss issues pertaining to corrections.

Eric Dietz, Director of Homeland security discussed issues related to emergency preparedness. The topics included the Department's role in preparing for emergencies and assisting local communities in the event of an emergency in the State of Indiana.

On the final day of the conference, facility Superintendents and Division Directors held breakout sessions to develop strategies for 2007.

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About The Department of Correction

The Department employs over 8,000 employees and houses 24,000 adult and juveniles in 32 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department's home page on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>. The Department's Re-entry Site can be found: <http://www.reentry.in.gov>.

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